

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

In the Matter of:

ATLANTIC STREET STATION
STAMFORD, CT 06901

Docket No. A2014-1

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ANSWER IN OPPOSITION
TO PETITIONER'S APPLICATION FOR SUSPENSION
AND MOTION TO DISMISS PROCEEDINGS**
(October 28, 2013)

This matter commenced with a letter received by the Postal Regulatory Commission ("Commission") that purported to invoke its jurisdiction under 39 U.S.C. § 404(d) to consider an appeal of an alleged Postal Service decision to discontinue the Atlantic Street Station, Stamford, Connecticut. The Postal Service moves to dismiss on two grounds. First, operations at the Atlantic Street Station are suspended and the facility has not undergone a formal discontinuance study. Since the Commission received the correspondence prior to the Postal Service issuing any written Final Determination, the Commission should dismiss the appeal on grounds that it is premature. As there is no Final Determination to discontinue the Atlantic Street Station, Petitioner Abrha's Application for Suspension is also premature. In the alternative, the scope of section 404(d) is limited to Post Offices and its requirements do not extend to the closing of a station or branch; thus, the Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction and should dismiss the appeal.

Operations at the Atlantic Street Station are suspended, and the facility has not undergone a formal discontinuance study. Therefore, no administrative record exists that can be filed for this appeal.

Procedural History

On October 17, 2013, the Commission docketed correspondence from Drew Backstrand on behalf of Kaysay Abrha, a postal customer.¹ Petitioner Abrha argued that the Postal Service actions affecting the Atlantic Street Station amount to a discontinuance in violation of 39 U.S.C. §404(d)(5). Specifically, Petitioner Abrha alleged the “action is a closure because there is no replacement post office in the downtown area.” Petition for Review, p3. Petitioner Abrha argued that the Postal Service failed to comply with discontinuance procedures required by section 404(d). The Petition for Review included an Application for Suspension, in which Petitioner Abrha requested the Commission order the Postal Service to “reopen” the Atlantic Street Station.

By means of PRC Order No. 1855 (October 23, 2013), the Commission instituted a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. §404(d)(5) and established PRC Docket No. A2014-1 in order to consider Petitioner’s appeal.²

Factual Background

Beginning in late 2012, the Postal Service began negotiations with Cappelli Enterprises for the sale of 421 Atlantic Street. In December 2012, Cappelli Enterprises and the Postal Service executed an Agreement of Purchase and Sale of the property. The Postal Service and Cappelli Enterprises planned to close the sale in September 2013. As September 2013 drew closer, and despite its efforts, the Postal Service had

¹ Petition for Review Received from Kaysay Abrha Regarding Downtown Stamford, CT Post Office 06901, and Application for Suspension of Determination(“Petition for Review”) (October 17, 2013).

² PRC Order No. 1855, Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule (October 23, 2013).

yet to secure a suitable relocation facility in the Stamford community. In an effort to provide uninterrupted retail service to its customers, the Postal Service negotiated a 30 month lease agreement with Cappelli Enterprises so that the Postal Service could continue retail operations at the Atlantic Street Station.

On September 4, 2013, the Postal Service conducted a safety inspection of the Atlantic Street Station. The inspection revealed many potential risks to the safety and health of the employees such as lead paint, plaster falling off the wall, no running water. After the safety inspection, district officials coordinated to reassign employees and suspend operations effective September 20, 2013. On September 18, 2013, the Postal Service distributed a letter to Post Office Box customers of the Atlantic Street Station informing them of the facility's impending suspension due to the upcoming sale of the building housing the retail facility. Also on September 18, a notice was posted at the Atlantic Street Station advising Post Office Box customers that they may retrieve their mail at the West Avenue Station, located at 317 West Avenue approximately 1.3 miles away. The September 18, 2013 notice and customer letter incorrectly identified the justification for suspending retail operations. When informed of the inaccuracy, district officials acted quickly to post the correct information and to clarify the status of the Atlantic Street Station as suspended. See Exhibit 1, October 18, 2013 Customer Suspension Letter;³ see also Exhibit 2, September 25, 2013 Suspension Notice.

The Atlantic Street Station provides service to 634 Post Office Box customers. While the operations remain suspended at the Atlantic Street Station, Post Office Box service is available at the West Avenue Station. All Post Office Boxes have been

³ Text of the October 18, 2013 Customer Suspension Letter was also posted at the Atlantic Street Station on October 11, 2013.

transferred to the West Avenue Station, allowing customers to retain their existing Post Office Box number and address. Both delivery and Post Office Box customers continue to use Stamford, CT 06901 as their last line of address. Atlantic Street Station postal customers may obtain retail services at the West Avenue Station, Camp Avenue Post Office, located at 24 Camp Avenue approximately 3.7 miles away; Bulls Head Station, located at 19 High Ridge Road approximately 2.0 miles away; or Glenbrook Station, located at 370 Hope Street approximately 1.9 miles away. In addition to these four Postal Service-operated retail facilities, customers have access to six additional Postal Service-operated retail facilities and thirty-eight alternate access locations within a five mile radius of the Atlantic Street Station. See Exhibit 3, printout from www.usps.com and Google Maps driving directions.⁴

When emergency suspension of retail operations became necessary, the Postal Service quickly instituted means whereby customers retain regular and effective access to delivery and retail services, with disruption minimized to the extent possible. The Postal Service has followed procedures specified in Handbook PO-101, section 61, including notice to customers, and other postal officials so that operations are sustained. See Exhibit 4. Local Postal Service officials are evaluating the situation and will develop a plan of action that will be reported to Headquarters, in accordance with applicable regulations.

On September 25, 2013, Kaysay H. Abrha, along with the National Post Office Collaborate and the Center for Art and Mindfulness, Inc. ("Plaintiffs"), filed a Complaint and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction in the District

⁴ Exhibit 3 uses the term "Post Office" for retail units staffed by postal employees, thus including stations, branches and Post Offices.

Court for the District of Connecticut, seeking to prevent the Postal Service from selling the property at 421 Atlantic Street which houses the Atlantic Street Station. Plaintiffs argued that the sale of the building to Cappelli Enterprises violated sections of the National Environmental Protection Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, section 403 of Title 39, and the public trust. On September 26, 2013, Judge Vanessa Bryant granted the motion for temporary restraining order and ordered the Plaintiffs to post \$4.5 million security bond. Plaintiffs were required to post the \$4.5 million security bond by October 3, 2013. On October 3, 2013, Plaintiffs informed the court and the Postal Service that they were unable to secure the necessary funds to post the bond. Thus, the temporary restraining order was lifted. On October 9, 2013, the Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint, which added a fifth count, that the Postal Service violated section 404(d). As of this filing, Plaintiff's request for preliminary injunction is pending before the District Court.

Argument

I. PETITIONER'S APPEAL SHOULD BE DISMISSED AS PREMATURE BECAUSE OPERATIONS AT THE ATLANTIC STREET STATION ARE SUSPENDED, NOT DISCONTINUED.

This matter concerns the emergency suspension of retail operations at the Atlantic Street Station, and does not involve the discontinuance of a retail facility. As explained above, the Postal Service placed retail operations at the Atlantic Street Station under an emergency suspension in accordance with applicable policies and regulations. Upon the emergency suspension of operations, alternative retail and delivery locations were immediately made available to customers without any material disruptions of service or any address changes. Under existing regulations, the Postal

Service has 90 days from the date of emergency suspension to decide whether to take necessary corrective action, or initiate a feasibility study. Until the Postal Service conducts a discontinuance study and makes a Final Determination available to the public, an appeal under 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5) is premature.

In these circumstances, dismissal is the appropriate remedy. See Order No. 829, *Lafontaine, Kansas*, PRC Docket No. A89-8 (June 29, 1989) (dismissing an appeal of an emergency suspension as premature); see also Order No. 833, PRC Docket No. A89-10, *Fineview, New York* (July 19, 1989). Recently, the Commission dismissed an appeal which contested the emergency suspension of retail operations at the Kirksey, Kentucky Post Office. Order No. 1347, *Kirksey, Kentucky*, PRC Docket No. A2012-126 (May 11, 2012). In *Kirksey*, the petitioner argued that the emergency suspension of services was equivalent to a closure of the facility and that the Postal Service failed to follow procedures prescribed by section 404(d). In dismissing the appeal as premature, the Commission concluded:

[T]he Postal Service has not conducted a formal discontinuance study of the Kirksey [P]ost [O]ffice. Nor has it issued a Final Determination to discontinue that office. Rather, it has suspended operations and, in the interim, provided postal services to the Kirksey community through a Village Post Office. Under the circumstances, the Commission cannot conclude that the Postal Service's action constitute a closure subject to section 404(d).

Id. at 4.

Pursuant to section 404(d)(5), “[a] determination of the Postal Service to close or consolidate any post office may be appealed by any person served by such office.” In this instance, no written Final Determination has been issued by the Postal Service or

been made publicly available to customers of the Atlantic Street Station. Moreover, the appeal process set forth in section 404(d)(5) provides:

The Commission shall review such determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of such determination. The Commission shall make a determination based upon such review....

An integral part of the appeal process of Post Office discontinuance actions consists of the Commission's review of the Final Determination and the record the Postal Service relies upon to support the determination, which in this case are non-existent. The Commission recently held that barring "inordinate delay" in the study, it will await a written Final Determination before considering the substance of any appeal of a suspended retail facility. Order No. 1852, *Climax, Georgia*, PRC Docket No. A2013-3 (October 22, 2013), page 10.

Here, analogous to the facts presented in *Kirksey* and *Climax*, the Postal Service has not conducted a formal discontinuance study of the Atlantic Street Station. Nor has it issued a Final Determination to discontinue the retail facility. Rather, it has suspended operations and, in the interim, provided postal services to the Stamford, Connecticut community through several nearby Postal Service-operated retail facilities and numerous alternate access locations. Within a five mile radius of the Atlantic Street Station, there are ten Postal Service-operated retail facilities and thirty-eight alternate access locations. Exhibit 3. Thus, the emergency suspension of operations at the Atlantic Street Station does not constitute a discontinuance action subject to the Commission's section 404(d) jurisdiction.

In light of the these circumstances, the Postal Service respectfully submits that without (i) an opportunity for the Postal Service to consider the situation and develop a

plan of action, (ii) the issuance of a Final Determination to discontinue the Atlantic Street Station and (iii) the development of a record on which to base such determination, the Commission should not entertain this appeal, and must accordingly dismiss this proceeding.

Additionally, the Commission should deny Petitioner Abrha's request that the Commission suspend the Postal Service's determination to discontinue the Atlantic Street Station as there is no Final Determination for the Commission to suspend. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, a petitioner may file an application to suspend a Final Determination pending the outcome of the appeal. 39 C.F.R. § 3025.30. In this instance, retail operations were placed under an emergency suspension out of necessity and the Postal Service did not conduct a discontinuance study and has not made a Final Determination to discontinue the facility. Thus, Petitioner Abrha's Application for Suspension is improper as premature and the Commission should deny the request.

II. PETITIONER'S APPLICATION FOR SUSPENSION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE CONDITIONS REQUIRING THE POSTAL SERVICE TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS ALSO PREVENT THE POSTAL SERVICE FROM 'REOPENING' THE ATLANTIC STREET STATION.

The Postal Service investigated the facts pertaining to Atlantic Street Station; the relief requested by the petitioner is not practicable to implement at this late stage. The Postal Service placed retail operations at the Atlantic Street Station under an emergency suspension due to deterioration of the retail facility. A safety specialist conducted an inspection of the building on September 4, 2013. Based on the results of

this inspection, local Postal Service officials coordinated to move operations from the Atlantic Street Station.

In Order No. 748, the Commission stated that it “must evaluate the Application for Suspension in light of the Postal Service’s well-publicized financial difficulties.” PRC Order No. 748, *East Akron Station, Akron, Ohio*, PRC Docket No. A2011-16 (June 17, 2011), at 2-3. The Commission acknowledged certain circumstances identified by the Postal Service, including “a number of proximate locations providing alternative access to retail postal services” as circumstances in which Commission will deny an application for suspension. *Id.* Within a five mile radius of the Atlantic Street Station there are ten Postal Service-operated retail facilities and thirty eight alternate access locations. Thus, here, there are a number of Postal Service-operated retail facilities and alternate access locations within a close proximity to Atlantic Street Station, thereby militating against the requested relief.

III. THE COMMISSION LACKS JURISDICTION AND PETITIONER’S APPEAL SHOULD BE DISMISSED BECAUSE THE ATLANTIC STREET STATION IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT POST OFFICE.

The Commission should also dismiss the appeal on grounds that the facility in question is not a “Post Office.” This appeal concerns the discontinuance of a classified station, which is a retail facility that is Postal Service-operated and is under the responsibility of an Administrative Post Office. See Handbook PO-101, Postal Service-Operated Retail Facilities Discontinuance Guide (January 2012), at 53 (defining Classified Station). In the Postal Service’s view, section 404(d) does not apply to the Atlantic Street Station because the Atlantic Street Station is not an independent Post

Office.⁵ Petitioner Abrha failed to allege facts that constitute a condition precedent to any jurisdiction of the Commission under Section 404(d). Therefore, the Commission should dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

Conclusion

Petitioner failed to allege facts that constitute a condition precedent to any jurisdiction of the Commission under section 404. 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5). Accordingly, the relief requested by the Petitioner is not, as a matter of law, available to Petitioner and should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁵ See Comments of the United States Postal Service Regarding Jurisdiction Under (Current) Section 404(d), PRC Docket No. 2010-3, *East Elko Station* (April 19, 2010); H.R. Rep. No. 94-1444, 94th Cong., 2d Sess. 17 (1976) (conference report on H.R. 8603, which explained that the provision granting the right of appeal apply to Post Offices only and not to other postal facilities).

Exhibits



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October 18, 2013

Dear Postal Customer:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the status of the Atlantic Street Station, located at 421 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Due to severe deterioration of the facility, it was necessary to suspend services at the Atlantic Street Station at the close of business on September 20, 2013.

During the period of suspension, customers who received Post Office Box service at the Atlantic Street Station will continue to retrieve their mail at the West Ave Station, located 1.3 miles away. Post Office box lobby hours are: 24 hours per day Monday through Saturday. Requests for Post Office Box refunds may be made at the West Ave Station. Retail services are also available at the West Ave Station. Window service hours are from 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00am - 2:00pm on Saturday. Please contact Jeffrey Salamon, Postmaster, Camp Avenue Post Office, to request curbside delivery.

Post Office Box service is also available at the Camp Avenue Post Office, located 3.1 miles away. The Camp Avenue Post Office has 24-hour lobby access for customer convenience. Window service hours at Camp Avenue Post Office are 8:30am - 5:30pm Monday through Friday and 8:30am - 2:00pm on Saturday.

Customers who currently receive carrier delivery will not experience a change in service. When a parcel or an accountable item requiring a signature, such as a certified letter, cannot be delivered on the first day, the carrier will return the item to the Barry Place Carrier Annex, 1 Barry Place Stamford, CT 06901. You may pick up the article at the Barry Place Carrier Annex, request redelivery on another day convenient for you, or authorize the carrier to deliver the item to another person. Atlantic Street Station route customers will continue to use Stamford, CT 06901 as their last line of delivery.

I realize with change there is always concern. However, we are confident that Atlantic Street Station customers will continue to receive effective and regular postal service.

Please contact Jeffrey Salamon, Postmaster, Camp Avenue Post Office, at (203) 321-3906 for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Pote".

Richard Pote
Manager, Post Office Operations

cc:
Postmaster/OICStm-Atlantic St Station
Postmaster Camp Avenue Post Office / West Ave Station
Post Office Review Coordinator



Postal services for the

ATLANTIC STREET STATION

WILL BE SUSPENDED

at the close of business

on Friday, September 20, 2013

*Here is what you need to know about this **Emergency Suspension**:*

- The West Avenue is located at 317 West Avenue, Stamford.
- There is no change to your post office box number.
- Continue to use your current address
- You will receive instructions on where you will receive mail upon your first visit to the West Ave Station.
- WEEKDAY WINDOW HOURS at the West Avenue Station are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- SATURDAY HOURS at West Avenue are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be for access to both your post office box and to window services.

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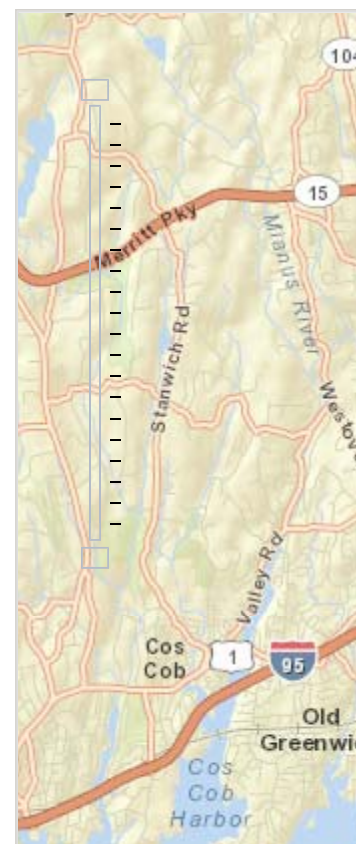


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	3.0 mi CVS › 1058 HOPE ST STAMFORD, CT 06907-2110 800-ASK-USPS® (800-275-8777)	Stamp booklets only.
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	3.5 mi CVS › 122 E PUTNAM AVE COS COB, CT 06807-2720 800-ASK-USPS® (800-275-8777)	Stamp booklets only.
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Directions to 317 West Ave, Stamford, CT
06902
1.3 mi – about 3 mins

 421 Atlantic St, Stamford, CT 06901

1. Head **south** on **Atlantic St** toward **Federal St** go 0.1 mi
total 0.1 mi


 2. Take the 2nd right onto **N State St** go 82 ft
total 0.1 mi


 3. Slight left onto the **Interstate 95 S** ramp to **N.Y. City** go 0.1 mi
total 0.3 mi

 4. Merge onto **I-95 S** go 0.7 mi
About 47 secs total 1.0 mi

 5. Take exit **6** toward **West Ave** go 0.1 mi
total 1.1 mi

6. Merge onto **Grenhart Rd** go 197 ft
total 1.2 mi

 7. Turn left onto **West Ave** go 0.1 mi
Destination will be on the right
About 1 min total 1.3 mi

 317 West Ave, Stamford, CT 06902

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Directions weren't right? Please find your route on maps.google.com and click "Report a problem" at the bottom left.

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Directions to 24 Camp Ave, Stamford, CT 06907
3.7 mi – about 10 mins



421 Atlantic St, Stamford, CT 06901

1. Head **north** on **Atlantic St** toward **Tresser Blvd** go 59 ft
 total 59 ft



2. Take the 1st right onto **Tresser Blvd** go 0.4 mi
 About 1 min total 0.4 mi

3. Continue onto **E Main St** go 0.2 mi
 total 0.6 mi



4. Turn left onto **Glenbrook Rd** go 0.4 mi
 About 2 mins total 1.1 mi

5. Continue onto **Hope St** go 2.5 mi
 About 6 mins total 3.6 mi



6. Turn right onto **Camp Ave** go 476 ft
 Destination will be on the left total 3.7 mi



24 Camp Ave, Stamford, CT 06907

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Exhibit 3 - page 8



Directions to 19 High Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT
06905
2.0 mi – about 9 mins



421 Atlantic St, Stamford, CT 06901

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| 1. | Head north on Atlantic St toward Tresser Blvd
About 2 mins | go 0.3 mi
total 0.3 mi |
| 2. | Continue onto Bedford St
About 4 mins | go 1.4 mi
total 1.7 mi |
| 3. |  Turn right onto High Ridge Rd
About 1 min | go 0.2 mi
total 1.9 mi |
| 4. |  Make a U-turn
Destination will be on the left
About 2 mins | go 463 ft
total 2.0 mi |



19 High Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT 06905

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Directions to 370 Hope St, Stamford, CT 06906
1.9 mi – about 8 mins

 421 Atlantic St, Stamford, CT 06901

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| 1. Head north on Atlantic St toward Tresser Blvd | go 0.3 mi |
| About 2 mins | total 0.3 mi |
| 2. Continue onto Bedford St | go 0.2 mi |
| About 51 secs | total 0.5 mi |
|  3. Turn right onto Walton Pl | go 210 ft |
| | total 0.6 mi |
|  4. Turn left onto Prospect St | go 0.3 mi |
| About 51 secs | total 0.8 mi |
| 5. Continue onto Strawberry Hill Ave | go 0.4 mi |
| About 1 min | total 1.2 mi |
|  6. Turn right onto Rock Spring Rd | go 0.4 mi |
| About 1 min | total 1.6 mi |
|  7. Turn left onto Hope St | go 0.4 mi |
| Destination will be on the left | total 1.9 mi |
| About 2 mins | |

 370 Hope St, Stamford, CT 06906

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NOTICE OF POST OFFICE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

A. Suspended Office

Name: ATLANTIC STREET State: CT Zip Code: 06901
Area: NORTHEAST District: CONNECTICUT VALLEY PFC
Congressional District: 4 County: FAIRFIELD
EAS Grade: 20 Finance Number: 087713

Post Office: ☐ Classified Station ☒ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

Effective date of suspension: 09/20/2013 Date CPO Established: -

Justification (specific reason(s) for suspension):

As the sale advances and the conditions decline on this facility, there are no suitable temporary alternate quarters currently at this time in the community. By moving to a temporary alternate location by far offsets the cost to the repairs needed on this facility. We will continue to explore all of our alternatives to find a new location to provide customer with full postal services within the immediate area.

Alternate Service Provided (i.e. rural delivery to roadside mailboxes, CBUs, ect.):

For the short term, PO Box customers will be required to pick up their mail at 317 West Avenue in Stamford, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Beginning September 28th, retail services will also be available at 317 West Avenue from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. Customers may be required to provide identification to receive their mail. However, we are working to build up our 317 West Avenue location to provide our current Atlantic Street PO Box customers with a new PO Box at that site by late fall or early winter. Those PO boxes will be made available at the West Avenue site until we find a new location. No change of address will be required by any current PO Box customers during this transition.

Effect on Employees (include Career/Noncareer Employees):

five full-time clerks have been absorbed into the main office

Hours of Operation:

Retail Hours Saturday 900 to 1400 Monday - Friday 800 to 1700

(Include lunch break)

0 General Deliveries

765 Post Office Box

765 Total Customers

B. Administrative Office

Name: CAMP AVENUE STATION State: CT Zip Code: 06907
EAS Grade: 20 Finance Number: 087718 Miles Away: 3.1
PO Boxes Available: 527

Hours of Operation

Retail Hours Saturday 8:30am - 2:00pm Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm

(Include lunch break)

C. Nearest Office

Name: WEST AVE STATION State: CT Zip Code: 06902
EAS Grade: 20 Finance Number: 087716 Miles Away: 1.3
PO Boxes Available: 331

Hours of Operation

Retail Hours Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

(Include lunch break)

D. Postmaster Organization Notification:

Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐ Date of Notification: 09/24/2013

E. Plan of Action (HQ must be notified with 90 days):

We will continue to explore all of our alternatives to find a new location to provide customers with full postal services within the immediate area.

Prepared by: Barbara Mastroianni Date: 10/01/2013
Title: CONNECTICUT VALLEY PFC Post Office Review Coordinator

Approved By:

Date 10/01/2013

KIMBERLY PETERS
DISTRICT MANAGER
CONNECTICUT VALLEY PFC

cc: Area PO Review Coordinator
District PO Review Coordinator
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